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Senator Fra nk Church
U.S.Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Church,

Walter Pincus' story in today's Post quotes your Thursday's staff report as saying that in the shotgun approach to mail interceptions authors are among those whose mail was interfered with by fedefal agencies.

I am an author whose work of more than a decade ago your committee has only now confirmed. This work is critical of and exposes the CIA and FBI, among executive agencies. My work completed 2/15/65 says Lee Harvey Oswald's career is that of an intelligence operative. My 1967 work describes as CIA operatives those only recently confirmed as serving the CIA. And in early 1965 my first book was submitted to a publisher not then known as working for the CIA. There were several such publishers that year alone, prior to the 1967 exposures. J. Edgar Hoover attempted to respond to charges never before made in my second book the month prior to its publication when there were only four copies of it, none submitted to the FBI.

There has been interception of my mail. I lack proof of by whom. In both 1965 and 1966 this cost me British publication. In 1965 two months of it was delayed until erroneous information was fed to a publisher while he was drafting a contract. I have correspondence from him establishing this. In 1966 no single chapter of a book that I sent my London agent by first-class mail ever reached him. For a while the Czech literary agency, Dilia, represented me. I also attempted to achieve publication in Moscow and East Germany, as well as in West Germany, where there are two cases of interception followed by non-delivery. In at least one of these West German cases what was intercepted and has never been delivered is that major publisherss offer of publication.

Neither the CIA nor the FBI has responded to my requests under FOIA and PA.

Naturally I am anxious to receive any information you can provide. Today's story refers to specific names and an apparently released list. The names are better known than mine but are not the names of those who have spent a decade exposing the CIA and the FBI, as I have.

Thank you for any help you may be able to provide. If there is any question of privacy, I waive it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg